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46/16. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1990, 1/

Taking note of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 21 October 1991, 2/ which provides additional information on the main developments in the activities of the Agency during 1991,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency to promote further the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute,

Also recognizing the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 3/ and other international treaties, conventions and

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1/ International Atomic Energy Agency, The Annual Report for 1990 (Austria, July 1991) (GC(XXXV/953)); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/46/353).

2/ See A/46/PV.33.

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 729, No. 10485.

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agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

Further recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, applications of nuclear methods and techniques, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in planning for the introduction of nuclear power in accordance with their needs,

Again stressing the need for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear plants so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

Bearing in mind resolutions GC(XXXV)/RES/551 on revision of the Basic Safety Standards for Radiation Protection, GC(XXXV)/RES/552 on education and training in radiation protection and nuclear safety, GC(XXXV)/RES/553 on measures to strengthen international cooperation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection, GC(XXXV)/RES/554 on the contribution of the Agency to sustainable development, GC(XXXV)/RES/555 on the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, GC(XXXV)/RES/559 on strengthening of the safeguards system, GC(XXXV)/RES/563 entitled "Plan for producing potable water economically", GC(XXXV)/RES/567 on the nuclear capabilities of South Africa, GC(XXXV)/RES/568 on the non-compliance by Iraq with its safeguards obligations, GC(XXXV)/RES/569 on strengthening of the main activities of the Agency, GC(XXXV)/RES/570 on Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat, and GC(XXXV)/RES/571 on the application of safeguards of the Agency in the Middle East, adopted on 20 September 1991 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-fifth regular session,

1. Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency; 1/

2. Affirms its confidence in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. Urges all States to strive for effective and harmonious international cooperation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute; in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to life, health and the environment; in strengthening technical assistance and cooperation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the safeguards system of the Agency;

4. Notes with appreciation the statements and actions of the Agency concerning the non-compliance by Iraq with its non-proliferation obligations and commends the Director General and his staff for their diligent and effective efforts in the implementation of Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 707 (1991) of 15 August 1991;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the Agency the records of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly relating to the activities of the Agency.

45th plenary meeting
13 November 1991